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**REQUEST  
FOR  
ED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Application Number	08/978,607
Filing Date	November 26, 1997
First Named Inventor	Fastrez, J.
Art Unit	1642
Examiner Name	T. Saidha
Attorney Docket Number	100390-09650

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2

1 Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

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a.  Previously submitted

i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)

ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

iii.  Other Consider Enclosed amendment

b.  Enclosed

i.  Amendment/Reply with      iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)      iv.  Other Petition to Revive and unintentionally Abandoned

Application and Declaration for Extension of Time

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## 2. Miscellaneous

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a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies, or credit any overpayments, to  
Deposit Account No. 50-0540, including:  
i.  RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)  
ii.  Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17). See enclosed Petition and check for \$460.00  
iii.  Other Petition to Revive Unintentionally Abandoned Application with enclosed check of \$620.  
b.  Check in the amount of \$370.00 enclosed for RCE fee.  
c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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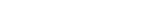
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